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Subject: A monopoly by any other name...

Hello,

I'd like to voice my dissatisfaction over the United States v. Microsoft Settlement.

I do not feel that the proposed actions will do anything to stop Microsoft from wielding their monopoly power. Every time there is a new release of the product, you see companies crushed.

Unless Microsoft is broken into separate companies (OS, Browser, Word Processing, Spreadsheet) they will continue use Company A's technology in one release, stifle them, and then do what they wish in the next release (like the Kodak issue going on in XP).

I think what was agreed upon is less than a slap on their wrist and more of a slap in the face of the consumer.

Through monopoly power and extortion (which is still against the law, isn't it?) , they nearly crushed Netscape. Have you ever wondered what happened to the Lotus Suite? It wasn't an inferior product that succumbed to superior product.

Furthermore, why should I be FORCED to pay an additional \$99 for a computer that has MS Windows loaded on it? I want to run Linux. I should not be forced into paying for something that I do not want.

Thank you,

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